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SUBJECT: NIXON- BREZHNEV SUMMIT:

1. LOCAL PRESS IN LAST TWO DAYS HAS GIVEN GOOD COVERAGE TO NIXON - BREZHNEV MEETINGS, STRESSING THAT WORLD'S TWO GREAT POWERS HAVE MOVED FROM CONFRONTATION TO DETENTE AND ARE NOW MOVING TOWARDS ENTENTE. THUS, PRESENT SUMMIT LIKELY TO BE INVOLVED MAINLY WITH BILATERAL -- SPECIFICALLY TRADE -- ISSUES. WHILE DEVELOPING ENTENTE AND CLOSER BILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION HAS BENEFITS FOR REST OF WORLD AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED, PAPERS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OTHER PROBLEMS, SPECIFICALLY MIDEAST, WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.

2. AS EXAMPLE OF GENERAL TONE, EDITORIAL IN LA PRESSE OF JUNE 19 STATE: " THAT NIXON- BREZHNEV SUMMIT REPRESENTS VICTORY FOR PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE CAN ONLY REASSURE US ABOUT FUTURE OF DETENTE IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, BUT THAT THIS MAJOR AMERICAN- SOVIET MEETING TAKES LITTLE ACCOUNT OF MIDDLE EAST IS BOTH SURPRISING AND ALARMING." EDITORIAL CONTINUES BY STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF MIDEAST SOLUTION TO WORLD PEACE AND POSES QUESTION AS TO WHETHER TWO GREAT POWERS WILL ADOPT MODUS VIVENDI AND SUBSTITUTE " EQUILIBRIUM OF INFLUENCE" FOR " EQUILIBRIUM OF TERROR" IN MIDEAST OR WHETHER THEY WILL " LOOK FOR PEACEFUL AND FAIR RESULT WHICH TAKES INTO ACCOUNT ALL FACTORS OF CONFLICT FROM PALESTINIAN PROBLEM TO RETURN

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BY ISRAEL OF OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORY". EDITORIAL CONCLUDES  
WITH HOPE THAT TWO GREAT POWERS WILL SEE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR WORLD PEACE AND WORK TO FIND SOLUTION TO MIDEAST PROBLEM  
ALONG LINES OF SECOND PROPOSITION ABOVE.

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